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TAGS: MASS, KS, OREP FRASER

SUBJECT: ROKG REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL OF FRASER
SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON KOREA

1; KOREAN EMBASSY CHARGE KU CHUNG-HOE CALLED ON HABIB
APRIL 23 TO CONVEY CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FROM ROKG THAT
FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON KOREAN SITUATION BE POST-
PONED INDEFINITELY.

2. KU SAID ROKG CONCERNED ABOUT IMPACT OF FRASER HEARING
AND HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PREVAIL ON HIM TO PUT OFF
THE HEARING WHICH NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MID-MAY.

3. HABIB TOLD KU THAT HE INTENDED TO SEE FRASER NEXT WEEK
TO DISCUSS FRASER'S RECENT EAST ASIAN TRIP AND HIS
INTENTIONS REGARDING FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS, INCLUDING HEAR-
INGS. HOWEVER, HABIB SAID THAT IN ALL HONESTY WE CANNOT
HOLD OUT ANY HOPE THAT HEARING ON KOREA WOULD BE DEFERRED.
RATHER, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT CONGRESSMAN FRASER DOES
INTEND TO PROCEED WITH HEARING ON KOREA AND THAT TIMING
OF SESSION IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO CURRENT LEGISLATIVE
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CALENDAR. CONSEQUENTLY, HABIB SAID WE MUST ASSUME THAT

HEARING WILL BE HELD.

4. KU REQUESTED THAT HABIB GIVE KOREAN EMBASSY READ
OUT FROM HIS MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN FRASER NEXT
WEEK. HABIB PROMISED TO DO SO.

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